

SOPHIA Learning

ENG1001: English Composition I (3 semester credits)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to build core skills in English Composition and teach students how to apply those skills to become effective writers. Students will gain proficiency in usage of basic grammar, punctuation, and mechanics, as well as learn how to construct effective sentences, paragraphs, and essays. Additionally, students will navigate the writing process to construct original narrative, comparison/contrast, informative, and argumentative compositions.

Course Effective Dates: March 2021 - Present

Prerequisite(s): No prerequisites

Length of course: This is a self-paced course. Students have 60 days with an additional 30-day extension (if needed) to complete the course.

ACE CREDIT® Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in English composition I (3/21).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the essential components of English Composition.
2. Implement basic grammar rules to create effective sentences.
3. Implement common forms of punctuation to properly complete sentences.
4. Examine characteristics, techniques, and examples of narrative writing.
5. Recognize the stages of the writing process and how to navigate them successfully.
6. Incorporate the necessary elements of an academic essay into the writing process.
7. Examine characteristics, techniques, and examples of comparison/contrast and informative writing.
8. Recognize the importance of style in academic writing.
9. Apply revising techniques to a text.
10. Apply editing and proofreading techniques to a text.
11. Identify the characteristics of argumentative writing.
12. Implement practices for locating reliable research sources.
13. Practice integrating research into an argumentative composition.
14. Examine strategies for and examples of successful argumentative writing.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- Overview of the Writing Process
- Modes of Composition
- Purpose and Audience in Composition
- Parts of Speech
- Pronoun Choice and Reference
- Independent and Dependent Clauses
- Modifiers
- Comma Use
- The Basics of Narrative Writing
- Narrative Structure and Techniques
- Defining Your Essay Topic
- Analyzing the Rhetorical Situation
- Developing Your Thesis Statement
- Introductions
- Body Paragraphs and Topic Sentences
- Conclusions
- Writing Effective Comparison/Contrast Essays
- Types and Characteristics of Informative Writing
- Style and Word Choice
- Revising for Structure, Focus, and Clarity
- Editing Sentences
- Using Proofreading Skills
- Arguments in Writing
- Rhetorical Appeals
- Argumentative Topics and Thesis Statements
- Evidence as a Form of Support
- Accurate and Ethical Use of Sources
- Source and Quotation Formatting in APA
- Annotated Bibliographies
- Writing an Effective Argumentative Research Essay

GRADING: This is a pass/fail course. Students are required to complete all 14 formative and 5 summative assessments with an overall course average of 70% or better.